





## Agenda

- Welcome
- SLF Video
- RFI Proces
- Master Plan Update
- SLF Overview
- Questions/Answers
- Tour
  - Runway
  - Control Tower
  - Support Building(s)

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### **SLF Video**





## **Brief History**

- SLF was constructed in the mid 1970's, specific for Shuttle Program requirements, including:
  - > 78 End of Mission landings, plus Shuttle Carrier Aircraft (SCA) ferry flights
  - > T-38 Astronaut flights
  - ➤ Shuttle Training Aircraft (STA) flight proficiency training and weather reconnaissance flights
  - ➤ Payload transport aircraft; C-5, C-17, Super Guppy, etc.
- Final Shuttle Landing, STS-135 on July 21, 2011
- Last SCA ferry flight, transferring Endeavour to California is scheduled for September 2012



### **Next Mission**

- NASA Mission Support Council Decision Memo of June 28, 2012
  - Determined there is no NASA requirement for SLF
  - Directs KSC to proceed with divestment
  - Preferred option is to transfer the SLF to a government or commercial entity, who could maintain and operate the SLF at no cost to NASA
- If successful with preferred option, NASA expects to purchase airfield services as required



# Purpose of the RFI

- The RFI is a market research tool to identify interested parties and obtain ideas for repurposing the SLF
- RFI ensures broad public awareness of this opportunity through government business websites
  - Fedbizops.gov
  - NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS)
- If acceptable responses are received, NASA may proceed to negotiations of a mutually beneficial partnership
  - Not a procurement subject to FAR/NASA FAR procedures
  - May result in a Space Act Agreement or other type of agreement, out-granting sufficient rights for the Partner to Operate and Maintain the SLF



### SLF RFI Schedule

- RFI Released August 8, 2012
- Site Visit August 30
- Comments/Questions Due September 5
- RFI Responses Due September 24
- Responses Evaluated NLT 10/31/2012
- Negotiations
  NLT 1/31/2013
- Final Agreement signed
  NLT 7/1/2013
- SLF handoff to partner
  NLT 10/1/2013



# **Evaluation Process**

- The RFI defines what information is requested for evaluation purposes
- NASA will evaluate the responses in accordance with the RFI
- The RFI is written as a "blank slate"
  - Not constrained by past history or plans
  - No pre-conceived best answer or preselected partner
  - Seeking the best ideas to re-purpose/re-utilize the SLF capabilities



# **Evaluation Process**

- Selecting a Partner
  - NASA strives to provide a fair, open, un-biased and transparent evaluation process
  - NASA may select all, some or none of the respondents for discussions
  - NASA is seeking the response that best meets the objectives of the RFI
- Evaluation criteria set forth in RFI
  - Business Strategy/concept of operations
  - Governance Structure
  - Business Case
  - Development Strategy/Capital Improvement Plan
  - Identification of Challenges/risk assessment/mitigation(s)
  - Experience



#### Post-Selection

- Formal "Courtship"
  - NASA drafts Space Act Agreement (SAA) and determines proper authority
    - Terms and Conditions
    - Length of Agreement
    - Lease costs and fees determined
    - Termination provisions
    - Insurance Requirements
    - Reimbursable services (utilities, IT service)
    - Government Property lists verified
- Final Agreement requires NASA HQ concurrence



### Response Guidelines

- NASA will retain ownership of land
- NASA expects to honor existing agreements
- Concept of Operations should relate to NASA's mission
  - Aeronautics and Aerospace related industries fit well, including training, research and development
- Understand the environmental factors present
  - Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge
  - Presence of protected species
  - Wetlands



### Perspectives

#### **Good News**

 SLF has unique runway capabilities and vacant land for development

#### **Bad News**

 SLF has a very long runway in middle of the swamp





